



Inventory and Monitoring Program

The San Francisco Bay Area Network Inventory and Monitoring Program tracks the status and trends of the region's natural resources in order to improve park management through greater reliance on scientific knowledge.

Project Highlights – June 2006

New SFAN Website -- Thanks to Erika Williams at Pinnacles, the SFAN Inventory and Monitoring Website has been updated and follows the template developed by the National Inventory and Monitoring Program. The new look also sports new content including copies of our updates, fact sheets, and much more. Look for many more updates in the future.

Check it out at: <http://www1.nature.nps.gov/im/units/sfan/index.cfm>

For more information, contact Dave Press, Network Data Manager (Dave_Press@nps.gov; 415-331-0168).

Inventory and Monitoring Brochure -- With significant help from the Pacific Coast Science and Learning Center, we just completed a four page brochure about the San Francisco Bay Area Network Inventory and Monitoring Program. The brochure provides a summary about our program and highlights our ongoing monitoring efforts. The pdf file is attached as a separate document to this email and is also posted on our website (see above) under the fact sheets link.

A Paleontological inventory coming soon -- Vincent Santucci, Chief Ranger, George Washington Memorial Parkway along with Jason Kenworthy and Alison Koch have received funding from the Natural Resource Information Division to continue their intense effort to synthesize and document paleontological resources for each of the I&M Networks. They look at museum collections, literature, and even private collections to see what paleontological artifacts have been found in the parks. In many cases they have rediscovered long lost treasures such as fossils of new whale species or petrified trees. Alison has recently completed an inventory for one of our neighbors - the Mediterranean Network and she will be the key person working on the inventory for the San Francisco Bay Area Network. She hopes to have the inventory done near the end of the fiscal year. Within the Pacific West Region, Ted Freund, a science advisor and member of the Science Council, is also assisting parks (GOGA and PORE) on paleontological surveys.

Science Communication Workshop - On Sept. 13/14 there will be a Science Communication Workshop for anyone interested. This workshop will emphasize the history and culture of science communication, and the need to develop effective communication and outreach strategies for both internal and external audiences. Participants will review examples of how researchers, managers, interpreters, and other staff worked together to develop integrated communication strategies. Presenters will highlight effective communication tools and products that are available. Participants will have the opportunity to work in small groups to identify communication projects and strategies that can be implemented after the workshop. The workshop will be held at Fort Cronkhite and registration information is forthcoming.

For more information, contact Marcus Koenen, Network Coordinator (Marcus_Koenen@nps.gov; 415-331-5734).

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